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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R § 1.111**

Dear Sir/Madam:

This responds to the non-final Office Action dated May 5, 2009 which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending on August 5, 2009. Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments and remarks which follow:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 2.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 9 of this paper.